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TAGS: PINS, PREL, PGOV, NU, CS

SUBJECT: [ ] DISCOUNTS COSTA RICAN RECONTRAS ✓

REF: (A) SAN JOSE 6305

(B) SAN JOSE 6258

1. ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. [ ]

MET WITH US, JUNE 17 TO DISCUSS THE RECONTRA  
MOVEMENT. [ ]

3. [ ]

ARDE IS TURNING INTO A POLITICAL PARTY AND WILL  
CONTEST MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS WITHIN A COUPLE OF YEARS,  
HE CONTINUED. NAVEGANTE STILL MAINTAINS CONTACT WITH  
ARDE BUT HAS BEEN "MOVED ASIDE" DUE TO HIS STRIDENT  
ANTI-GOVERNMENT STANCE. ✓

4. THERE ARE NO RECONTRAS IN NORTHERN COSTA RICA OR  
SOUTHERN NICARAGUA, ACCORDING TO [ ] THE  
SITUATION IN THE FORMER FRENTE SUR ZONE OF OPERATION  
PRECLUDES THE EMERGENCE OF THIS PHENOMENON. MOST  
EX-COMBATANTS HAVE LAND AND THE SANDINISTA SECURITY  
FORCES HAVE PULLED BACK, HE SAID, LARGELY LEAVING THE  
RURAL POLICE (MADE UP OF FORMER CONTRAS) TO PROTECT  
THE REGION. IN ADDITION, THE PEOPLE OF THE REGION  
ARE "SICK" OF WAR AND DO NOT SUPPORT RENEWED FIGHTING. ✓

5. COMMENT: WE WOULD NOT TAKE [ ] AS THE LAST  
WORD ON THE RECONTRA MOVEMENT IN EX-FRENTE SUR AREAS  
AND DEFER TO EMBASSY MANAGUA ON ACTUAL CONDITIONS IN  
SOUTHERN NICARAGUA. BUT IT WAS CLEAR FROM OUR  
CONVERSATION THAT [ ] SEES THE RECONTRA PROBLEM AS  
CENTERED AMONG FORMER FRENTE NORTE FIGHTERS. ✓

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